

HR 982

Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Finance and Financial Sector

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Nov 14, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Mar 6, 2013
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jun 3, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 20, 2013
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 14, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5360	Related bill	Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 S 2319	Related bill	May 12, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
113 HRES 403	Procedurally related	Nov 13, 2013: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 223 - 194 (Roll no. 574). (text: CR H7009-7010)

Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013 - Amends federal bankruptcy law concerning a trust formed under a reorganization plan following the discharge in bankruptcy of a debtor corporation in order to assume the debtor's liability with respect to claims seeking recovery for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage allegedly caused by the presence of, or exposure to, asbestos or asbestos-containing products.

Requires such a trust to file with the bankruptcy court quarterly reports, available on the public docket, which describe each demand the trust has received from a claimant and the basis for any payment made to that claimant (excluding any confidential medical record or the claimant's full Social Security number).

Requires such reports, upon written request, and subject to payment (demanded at the option of the trust) for any reasonable cost incurred by it, to provide any information related to payment from, and demands for payment from, the trust to any party to any action in law or equity concerning liability for asbestos exposure.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 14, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Rule H. Res. 403 passed House.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Rob Bishop to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 403. (consideration: CR H7017-7029)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2655 and H.R. 982. In the case of H.R. 2655, the resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. In the case of H.R. 982, the resolution provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The resolution also provides for one motion to recommit the bill H.R. 982.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 403 and Rule XVIII.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 982.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 403, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cohen amendment.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cohen amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes prevailed. Mr. Goodlatte demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 403, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Nadler amendment.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Nadler amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes prevailed. Mr. Nadler demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 403, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes prevailed. Ms. Jackson Lee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Mr. Goodlatte moved that the committee rise.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 982 as unfinished business.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7029-7034)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 982.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H7032)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Mr. Owens moved to recommit with instructions to Judiciary. (consideration: CR H7032-7033; text: CR H7032)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Owens motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House forthwith with an amendment to exempt veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces from the disclosure requirements of the bill and ensure that their asbestos claims are paid before death.
- **Nov 13, 2013:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H7032)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 197 - 224 (Roll no. 578).
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 221 - 199 (Roll no. 579). (text: CR H7024-7025)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 221 - 199 (Roll no. 579). (text: CR H7024-7025)
- **Nov 13, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 12, 2013:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Judiciary, H. Rept. 113-254, Part II.

Nov 12, 2013: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 403 Reported to House. The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2655 and H.R. 982. In the case of H.R. 2655, the resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. In the case of H.R. 982, the resolution provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The resolution also provides for one motion to recommit the bill H.R. 982.

- **Oct 30, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 113-254.
- **Oct 30, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 180.
- **May 21, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 21, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 14.
- **May 20, 2013:** Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law Discharged.
- **Apr 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Mar 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.